

Remarks

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner has divided the pending claims into two groups: Group I (claims 157 – 181) and Group II (claims 182 - 200). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.142, the Assignee elects the invention of Group I without traverse. Claims 157 - 181 are directed to the elected invention. As shown above, claims 182 - 200 are withdrawn as being directed to the non-elected inventions pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.142.

The Assignee also reserves the right pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions during the pendency of the present application.

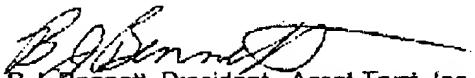
Information Disclosure Statement

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Conclusion

The pending claims are of a form and scope for allowance. Prompt notification thereof is respectfully requested.

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